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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Prior to fee calculation and examination please amend the above-identified application as follows.

In the Claims

Please cancel claims 1-10.

Please add the following new claims 11-20.

--11. A hydrofluorination catalyst based on chromium oxide which is depleted in ammonium salt  
 and which exhibits a content of ammonium salts of less than or equal to 0.2% by weight,

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